The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 8 OF 2012

WHEREAS, on the second Saturday in May - May 12, 2012 - letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America will do more than deliver mail on their routes; they will also collect food donations from their postal customers participating in the 19th Annual "National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive;" and

WHEREAS, the effort by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO) and other volunteers is the largest one-day food drive in the Nation which has resulted in delivery of nearly one billion pounds of donations to community food banks and pantries over the past 18 years; locally, in 2011, Branch 1495, State College and Bellefonte, collected 27,400 pounds of food items; and

WHEREAS, major supporters of the National Food Drive include the U.S. Postal Service, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, AFL-CIO Community Services Network, Valpak Direct Marketing Systems, United Way Worldwide, Campbell Soup Company, Feeding America, Uncle Bob's Self Storage and AARP; and

WHEREAS, the "NALC National Food Drive" is a community outreach and, on the local level, will collect food for food banks for distribution to those in need in Centre County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim Saturday, May 12, 2012, as "National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive Day" in Centre County and encourages all residents of our community with zip codes 16801, 16803, 16823, 16827 and 16866 to support this annual food drive by placing non-perishable food items near their mailbox for pick up by their letter carrier or a volunteer and delivered to local food banks to help ease the pain of hunger and despair in our community.

ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2012.

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